

# The Bible: Models of Prayer

## Chapter 46 Summary

### Chapter Learning Objectives

- The participants will explore how King David, the Virgin Mary, and Jesus serve as role models in showing us how to pray.
- The participants will examine why Catholics pray to Mary.
- The participants will reflect on what they can learn from praying prayers found in the Bible.

### Content Summary

1. We learn to pray by following role models in our lives: a parent or grandparent, a priest or a sister.
2. The Bible presents us with three good role models for prayer: King David, the Virgin Mary, and Jesus.
3. King David models faith and love for the Lord. We can read some of David's prayers in the historical books and in the Psalms.
4. David also models the prayer of petition. Perhaps he is best known for his prayer asking God for forgiveness.
5. The Virgin Mary models complete commitment to God's will and saying yes to God in our prayers.
6. Mary also models confidence in God's loving goodness and awareness of his saving work in the world.
7. Because of his human nature, Jesus needed to maintain his relationship with God through prayer, just as we do.
8. Jesus is our model in praying alone, praying with others, praying for others, and praying both short and long prayers.
9. Jesus shows us how to pour out our hearts to God and then commit ourselves to doing God's will.

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